GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3360
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ENHANCEMENT OF CENTRAL SHARE OF FUNDS FOR DRINKING WATER SUB-MISSION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have requested the Union Government to bear 75% share of sharable amount arisen due to revision of project estimates of drinking water sub-mission projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the time by which the funds are likely to be released to States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Requests for bearing proportionate cost by the Government of India due to revision of project estimates of drinking water Sub-Mission projects were received from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Kerala.

(c) & (d) Rural Water Supply is a State subject and rural drinking water supply schemes are implemented by the State Governments from their own resources. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). With effect from, 1.4.1998, powers to plan, sanction and implement schemes and projects under ARWSP Sub-Mission to tackle quality problems and sustainability issues have been delegated to States.

Prior to 1.4.1998, while sanctioning the projects under Sub-Mission it was particularly indicated that Government of India will not meet any escalation cost of the projects. The inability of the Government of India to meet additional expenditure on account of cost escalation in respect of the Sub-Mission projects sanctioned by the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission has been conveyed to the concerned State Governments.